

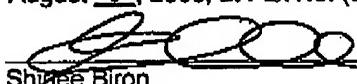
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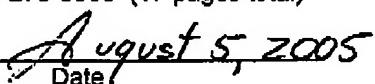
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, U.S.A.

Sir,

This is responsive to Office Action dated June 6, 2005.

Although the Office Action as been made Final by the Examiner, the applicant respectfully requests that the Final designation of the instant application be withdrawn and that prosecution be reopened, since the applicant believes that the Examiner has failed to meet his burden of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness (see details in pages 8 and 9 hereinbelow).

Accordingly, please amend the present application as follows.

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